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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the temples of the country where practice of animal sacrifice is still prevalent;

(b) whether the Government has enacted any law to put a ban on this practice; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) The records of temples where practice of animal sacrifice is prevalent is not maintained by the Central Government.

(b) & (c) The Central Government has enacted the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 to prevent the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals. However nothing contained in this Act render it an offence to kill any animal in a manner required by the religion of any community. However, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Pondicherry, Rajasthan and the Tamil Nadu have enacted Acts banning the practice of animal sacrifice.